

The Old Stone Tavern  
Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer  
133 Central Venue, Rahway, New Jersey

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Owner: Wood Family of Philadelphia

Date of Erection: About 1730

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone  
basement has brick floor

Exterior walls - stone

Inside chimneys

Interior walls - plaster

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The Old Stone Tavern has not been kept as an inn for many years; it has been used as a residence. The tap room has been fitted up as a living room. The location of the original bar is not known. It is thought that it was over a trap door in the living room. The room to the right of the tap room has a brick floor indicating that it was the original kitchen of the inn.

Before the Revolutionary War there was hardly any settlement worthy of the name town in Cumberland County. Greenwich seems to have been

the place where most business was done, at least until the beginning of the nineteenth century. Records indicate that the stores there contained a large assortment of goods. The River formed an excellent harbor, and there was direct trade between Greenwich, the West Indies, and other places. Philadelphia, however, in time overshadowed Greenwich as a port.

The fact that Greenwich was an important shopping center leads one to conclude that the Old Stone Tavern must have been a busy place. The court records indicate that there were a good many inns in the town. Tavern prices were regulated by the court and there is in existence a schedule of prices belonging to the year 1729. Prices ranged from three pence to a shilling. A pint of wine could be bought for a shilling; a gill of rum cost three pence; a quart of strong beer could be purchased for four pence, which was also the price of a quart of cider. Drinks like metheglin cost nine pence; likewise a quart of flip made of a pint of rum cost the same. If one desired a rub of punch made with double refined sugar, he paid nine pence; if he wished his rub with single refined sugar, he paid eight pence.

Provincial courts of Old Cohansey were held four times a year in Greenwich, either in the Presbyterian Church or the tavern. 1748 was the last time court was held here.

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